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Dear Sirs (Electors)

Only recently has it come to my attention that Clara Barton has been nominated to the Hall of Fame for Famous Americans.

If not too late, may I express my heartfelt, candid opinion to the Electors.

For her outstanding contributions to humanity, her country and the world, this nation's recognition is long overdue. I wholeheartedly support and encourage her election on the merits of her life's services to humanity and as a ^{fitting} tribute to a noble life. Conditions are such, that we may never have her like again.

Coming in this Bicentennial year and International Decade of Women, what a significant and appropriate time for her election to the Hall of Fame as the first woman to be so honored.

Clara Barton's outstanding characteristic was simplicity, simplicity of the finest and highest type of human character, of true greatness which will ever be an inspiration to others. Her name and contributions must be kept alive for future generations to emulate and revere.

To review: She was:

Founder of the American Nat'l Red Cross,
its first President, an office she held for 23
years.

Instigated the American amendment
adopted at Geneva, making it possible to call
upon the Red Cross in time of great calamity or

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disaster.

Miss Barton possessed remarkable executive and organizing ability with orderly procedure the result. She was the first woman to be employed in the Govt. Patent office, among the first women school teachers and the one who persevered as initiator of the first Public School System, in New Jersey.

Miss Barton was the recipient of more than twenty-five decorations and numerous citations for her heroic work on battlefields and the alleviation of suffering in this and many foreign countries.

During the Civil War she was known as the woman who followed the cannon. Admired by the soldiers who gave her the name she loved best, "Angel of the Battlefield" ^{also became} the inscription on her simple monument at ^N Oxford, Mass. where she was born and buried with honors.

At the close of the Civil War, she quickly responded when the Government authorized her to initiate a systematic search for the missing and to locate and mark the graves of the fallen heroes. With the collaboration of one man, himself a prisoner who had kept records, she succeeded in identifying and marking 13,000 soldiers' graves and notifying relatives.

America now has an opportunity to show its eternal gratitude, admiration and respect for these and many other heroic deeds.

Let us not delay but do it now!

Thank you.

Mrs Lawrence Hoover.